

2023 MU VRSP mentor profile form

Mentor	Kile Townsend
Departmental bio web page.	https://vhc.missouri.edu/equine-hospital/meet-the-team/
Other relevant web pages, as applicable. E.g., lab group/personal web page, Google Scholar/ORCID profiles, others	https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?hl=en&user=fT7FeSAAAAAJ
Research interests.	Equine internal medicine – endocrine disease, microbiome, neuromuscular disease, Veterinary Education – use of simulators for learning, evaluating teaching and learning
Active projects.	Fecal Water Syndrome in Horses, equine fecal microbiome with and without lubricant
Research team. E.g., graduate students, post docs, technicians, other scholars	Collaboration with Dr. Philip Johnson and Dr. Aaron Ericsson
About you... Education/training Personal information, as interested—e.g., hobbies, etc.	DVM from Atlantic Veterinary College, PEI, Canada in 2017, MS in Biomedical Science from MU in 2021, currently enrolled in Master of Education through Royal Veterinary College I am an avid equestrian and equine veterinarian. I enjoy horseback riding and spending time and working out (running, weightlifting, pickleball) with my partner, Clint.

Mentor Profile

I am available to mentor students in career and life decisions, even if they do not choose research.

Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- **5** Very True

My students are/can be involved in the creation/development of their projects.

Very Untrue 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- **4** --- 5 Very True

I expect students to contribute to manuscripts/publications.

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Students have the option to continue to work on this project.

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My students often work closely with a research team, e.g., lab tech or other students.

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Current/active project profile & timeline, including clinical vs. basic science.	Projects active include fecal water syndrome in horses and fecal microbiome of horses with and without lubricant
Lab structure, if applicable.	Have access to lab space provided by Dr. Aaron Ericsson, if relevant
What does a typical day of research look like for VRSP scholars?	Depending on the project, sample collection, labeling, collating, and patient care are involved.
What does engagement look like for your lab/project?	I want VRSP students to contribute to the work and feel some ownership of the project. I want open communications and to foster creativity and engagement in research and learning to work as part of a team.

Example

Mentor	Tamara Hancock
Departmental bio web page.	http://vpbio.missouri.edu/faculty/Hancock_Tamara.html
Other relevant web pages, as applicable. E.g., lab group/personal web page, Google Scholar/ORCID profiles, others	https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=OAJec6UAAAAJ&hl=en (Google Scholar)
Research interests.	Professional socialization and identity development; well-being, mental health, & inclusion; qualitative methods
Active projects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Utilization focused evaluation of VRSP & development of programmatic scaffolds for mentorship. Investigation of mental health prevalence, experiences, and affects in a sample of veterinarians from North America.
Research team. E.g., graduate students, post docs, technicians, other scholars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Currently collaborating with Caity Nelson (DVM candidate). I am collaborating with Dr. Kerry Karaffa on these data sets. Please note he is unable to ethically collaborate directly on projects with student involvement given his role in the CVM.
About you... Education/training Personal information, as interested—e.g., hobbies, etc.	DVM, Iowa State University (2011) MS, Veterinary Pathobiology, University of Missouri (2014) Diplomate ACVP (clinical) (2014) PhD, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum, University of Missouri (2018)

	<p>I am married and my husband and I have one child—a 6 year old who is in kindergarten here in Columbia.</p> <p>I have one 11 year old rat terrier mix and one 1 year old cat.</p> <p>I am a pretty active person—I love to run and just be moving outside. I love to read and cook/bake—I bake mostly breads but do occasionally venture into sweet treats. I like puzzles, play Pokemon GO and LEGO with my kid a lot.</p>
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<p>Current/active project profile & timeline, including clinical vs. basic science.</p>	<p>My projects are all social science research. Currently working on an ongoing evaluation and improvement project with VRSP. Some elements are ongoing and some may be emergent. If interested project elements could be developed with scholar collaboration should these tasks arise.</p> <p>The veterinarian data set is in an early cursory analysis stage. The scholar could be involved with coding and interpretation of data.</p>
<p>Lab structure, if applicable.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>What does a typical day of research look like for VRSP scholars?</p>	<p>Reading, thinking, writing, and digesting. May interview people or develop interview protocols. May transcribe or analyze data. May produce data visualizations or other public/VRSP facing materials.</p>
<p>What does engagement look like for your lab/project?</p>	<p>Contributing to the work—whatever that looks like for the scholar. I love to hear scholar ideas and perspectives and have them be a part of the research—a true collaboration. That said, it's most important for me to meet scholars where they are and help them find a space that is "engaged" for them.</p>